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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Arlington, VA 22313

Dear Sir,

I. Introduction

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the above referenced application pursuant to 37 CFR §132(b). Prosecution on the above referenced application is closed, as the application is under the final rejection of July 14, 2004. Applicant is submitting the fee required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(e) and making the following submission. Further, Applicant is petitioning for a two month extension of time. Please charge deposit account 02-2334 for the extension of time fee. Further, please charge any other required fees and credit any credits to deposit account number 02-2334.

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